

FIRE DESTROYS BOSTON SUBURB

LOSS PLACED AT \$9,000,000 IN CHELSEA, HALF COVERED BY INSURANCE.

3 BODIES FOUND; MANY HURT

Area of 484 Acres Swept by Flames Which Destroy Public Buildings—Troops and Police Out.

Boston, Mass.—Chelsea river Monday morning checked the 12-hour march of the fire which laid in ruins more than one-third of the city of Chelsea.

The property loss is estimated at \$9,000,000; 10,000 persons are homeless; three dead bodies have been found in the ruins; it is probable that two others have perished; between 200 and 300 are injured, and nearly 100 missing.

The heart of Chelsea, a city of 26,000 inhabitants, with a large majority of its churches and schools and public buildings and its city hall, was a blackened, smoking mass of wreckage as the sun rose.

Troops Guarding the Homeless.

The Sixth Massachusetts was ordered out to protect the property that escaped fire and the homeless who are encamped about the city and its surroundings. Relief work was put in operation Monday.

Two negroes were shot and wounded by militiamen while trying to loot a Broadway jewelry store in Chelsea. Two other men are reported to have been shot when detected in the act of entering one of the Chelsea savings banks about 9 o'clock Sunday night.

Insurance Covers \$5,000,000 of Loss

It is estimated that about half of the financial loss, or \$5,000,000, is covered by insurance.

A feature of the disaster is the promptness with which the big insurance agencies came forward with statements that they were ready to pay losses in full. While the insurance companies are hard hit, it is believed that not one will default in the payment of claims.

BLAST SHAKES TOWN.

Two Tons of Nitroglycerin Explodes Near Chicago.

Chicago, Ill.—A terrific explosion in the Aetna mills of the Dupont Powder company Monday, at Miller's Station, Ind., near here, wrecked buildings in the neighborhood and caused heavy property damage in towns within a radius of 18 miles.

An early report was that a number of men had been killed and injured in the night shift of 20 employees, who were reported to be on duty at the time. Some of these men were unaccounted for after the blast.

Chief of Police Knopf, at Aetna, was authority for the statement that no persons were killed or injured, and that all the night shift escaped.

Four thousand pounds of nitroglycerin was in the giant charge that shook the earth for miles around.

Residents of the village were thrown from their beds by the concussion and many were injured.

Postoffice Safe Blown.

New Athens, Ill.—The safe in the postoffice at Lenzburg, four miles south of here, was blown open with nitroglycerin Sunday night, and \$4, all the money in the vault, taken. No one was aroused by the explosion. Postmaster William Muser found the safe wrecked when he opened the office Monday morning. There is no clue to the identity of the cracksmen.

More Troops Out in Florida.

Pensacola, Fla.—Additional troops were ordered to the city Monday as a result of rioting in connection with the strike of street railway employees. The city was Monday thoroughly patrolled, but no attempt was made during the early hours to run cars, street railway officials declining to operate until the additional troops gave further guarantee of the safety of the strikebreakers.

Farmer Slays Two.

Kennett, Mo.—W. R. Bell, single, 41 years old, recently from Sharon, Tenn., was brought here to jail Monday by Deputy Sheriff Darby Faughn of Campbell, he having shot and killed two men, Marion Bridges and Eph Bridgeman, 1 1/2 miles southwest of Campbell.

Temperance Leader Dies.

Portland, Maine—Camuel L. Carleton, one time head of the World Organization of Sons of Temperance, died here, 86 years old.

Morton Not to Be Santa Fe Executive.

Chicago, Ill.—"There is absolutely nothing in the gossip that I am to become the head of the Santa Fe or any other railroad," declared Paul Morton of New York at the Auditorium Annex hotel Sunday.

American Consul Beaten.

Shanghai—Far more serious than first advices indicated, was the attack on the American consulate at Mukden. Not only was the residence invaded, but the consul himself was beaten.

DUKE'S WIFE IN CELL

WEEPS WHEN ARRESTED FOR PASSING WORTHLESS CHECK.

SERIOUSLY ILL SINCE RECENT FIRE

Flames at Grand Pacific Hotel in Chicago Beginning of Her Troubles.

Chicago, Ill.—A bond giving freedom to Mrs. Alice Webb Duke, divorced wife of Brodie L. Duke, one of the heads of the tobacco trust, who spent the night in a cell at the Harrison street police station, it was expected, would be furnished Saturday. Mrs. Duke was arrested on a warrant which charged her with obtaining money from the Great Northern hotel by means of a fraudulent check.

Mrs. Duke entered the postoffice to mail a letter and a detective stepped up to her and served the warrant. She was taken to the station. Unable to furnish bond, she was put in a cell.

Weeps After Arrest.

Mrs. Duke broke down and wept. Her plight she considers the result of persecutions of her former husband's family. She declared that she had done nothing wrong and did not deserve to be locked up.

Mrs. Duke was in a fire at the Grand Pacific hotel recently and has been ill since that time. She is in a very nervous condition. Her attorney, Elmer E. Oggers, could not be found until midnight, when it was too late to arrange bond.

Indict Coal Firms for Peonage.

Huntington, W. Va.—Several indictments were found by the federal grand jury in the peonage cases, which followed the investigation asked by the Italian government. It is announced that prominent coal companies and other large concerns are accused. Assistant United States Attorney General Russell is here and will assist District Attorney Northcom in the prosecution.

Mourning as Dead; Now Arrested.

Niagara Falls, N. Y.—Detective Callahan arrived here from Cleveland with Wilfred Gray, who was mourned for dead and whose supposed body was buried on July 19, 1907. Gray left home mysteriously in April, 1906, and was later charged with an alleged shortage in his accounts as banker of a local lodge of Woodmen of the World.

Ten-Year Term for Forger.

Scranton, Pa.—George B. Schooley, the chief conspirator in the attempt to secure the \$1,000,000 estate of the late James L. Crawford, his cousin, was given the maximum penalty for forgery—ten years in the penitentiary. His accomplices, Albert N. Bahman and Charles F. Beidel, were each given five year terms.

War Claim for 33 Cents Settled.

Montgomery, Mo.—Payment of 33 cents due to John Vogt, a veteran living here, because of a mistake in the settlement of a war claim in 1861, was made by check. The check was for \$1.10, the balance being due because of an error in payment when he was discharged from service as a soldier.

Northwestern Wins Suit.

Milwaukee, Wis.—Suits involving more than \$100,000 against the Chicago & Northwestern, instituted more than a year ago in the federal court by bondholders in the old Milwaukee, Lake Shore & Western company, were decided by Judge Quarrels in favor of the defendant company.

"Rookies" Sent to Cuba.

Columbus, O.—One hundred and fifty recruits at the barracks here were started to Cuba by order of the war department. No explanation is given as to why the recruits are sent to Cuba, but it is supposed that some of the soldiers there will be transferred to the United States.

Wisconsin Town Nearly Razed.

Marinette, Wis.—A third of the town of Crivitz was destroyed by fire. The Marinette fire department responded to an appeal for help, and fire-fighting apparatus was sent on a special train.

Slays Mother for Burglar.

Bald Mount, Pa.—Otis Wood, 45 years old, killed his aged mother, Mrs. Lucretia Wood, here. Wood claims he mistook his mother for a burglar as she was entering the house.

Has 5,000 Destitute People.

Johannesburg—It is estimated that 5,000 people of Johannesburg are destitute. The mayor has called a meeting to consider the situation as regards the unemployed.

The Nardin Star is Sold.

Nardin, Okla.—A. L. Linbeck, for several years editor and proprietor of the Nardin Star, has sold the publication to G. W. Cross and Thomas O. Munger.

Pictures Show Ducking Bouts.

Paris—The popular curiosity about thrilling incidents of duels is likely soon to be satisfied, for a cinematographic record was made of the encounter between M. Thomeux and M. Meyer at Grande Roue, when M. Meyer was wounded in the hand at the third bout.

Fire Sweeps Snyder, Tex.

Snyder, Tex.—Fire destroyed two-thirds of the houses on the west side of the public square in Snyder, the county seat of Scurry county.

MANY CHINKS SMUGGLED IN

BITTER RIVALRY LEADS TO THE DISCOVERY OF ORGANIZATIONS.

SEVERAL FORTUNES MADE

It is Reported That as Many as 25 Chinese Have Crossed the International Boundary Line in One Night.

Detroit, Mich.—Through the bitter rivalry of three Canadian organizations for smuggling Chinese into the United States, a wholesale scheme of bringing the orientals illegally across the international border here at Detroit was discovered Thursday.

It is said that some nights as many as 25 Chinese had been smuggled across the line and that several comfortable fortunes had been made at the business during the past two years by enterprising young men who have made Windsor, Ont., their headquarters. The immigration authorities here have scant hope of reaching the principals in the three competing agencies, but a man who gives his

What Congress is Doing

The bill relating to the liability of common carriers by railroads passed by the house of representatives on April 6 was Thursday passed by the senate, without amendment and without a division.

The senate bill on the same subject was not confined to railroads, but covered all forms of common carriers and Senator Dilliver, who had reported it from the committee on education and labor, sought to substitute it for the house bill, but his motion was defeated. Numerous amendments were offered to the bill, but all were voted down. As passed, the bill is expected to meet the objection of the United States supreme court to the common carrier liability law of 1896, decided to be unconstitutional by the court. The bill abolishes the strict common law liability, which bars a recovery for personal injury or death of an employee occasioned by the negligence of a fellow servant. It also relaxes the common law rule, which makes contributory negligence a defense to claims for such injuries, and permits an employee to recover for an injury caused by the negligence of a coemployee. The bill does not bar recovery, even though the injured one contributed by his own negligence to the injury. The amount of the recovery is diminished in the same degree

name as A. McCann is held at the Wayne county jail in connection with the capture last Tuesday of three Chinese at Adrian, Mich.

The Chinamen and McCann were found in a Wabash box car bound for Chicago. There was a dead horse in the car and the four men were concealed under the straw.

The plan was to engage a freight car at Detroit for the shipment of a horse, some worthless animal being placed in the car for a blind. The Chinese, it is said, have been freely brought across the Detroit river on the railroad car ferries, being hidden with the connivance of employees on the boats until the immigration inspectors had made their rounds and then hurriedly directed to empty freight cars. There they would be transferred to freight cars especially engaged and usually started west on the Wabash freight No. 95, which makes only one regular stop between Detroit and Chicago.

LABOR PLANS BIG PROTEST.

Mass Meetings Will Be Held to Oppose Court Decisions.

New York—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, and other heads of labor organizations who took part recently in a conference at Washington, have issued a call for mass meetings to be held in every city and town in the United States on the third Sunday or Monday in April, to protest against recent United States supreme court decisions antagonistic to labor.

Every member of a labor union is requested to write the representative in congress of his district and the two senators from his state, urging them to vote for the proposed amendments.

Open Shop on the Lakes.

Cleveland, Ohio—The open shop policy will be adhered to by vessel owners on the operation of boats on the great lakes this season. A stand of this character in dealing with organized labor was unanimously agreed to at the annual meeting of the Lake Carriers' association here Thursday. The rule will be put into operation at once and will affect upward of 40,000 men. Whether the plan adopted by the boat owners will be opposed by the various unions is unknown. None of their representatives was present at the meeting.

WAS SECOND BOMB

SILVERSTEIN, NEW YORK ANARCHIST MAKES STATEMENT.

TELLS HOW ACCIDENT HAPPENED

Was So Excited He Touched Lighted Cigarette to the Wrong End of the Explosive.

New York—The bomb which Selig Silverstein intended to throw into Union Square park a week ago last Saturday upon the dispersal by the police of a meeting of New York's unemployed, was made out of a brass top from a bedstead. This statement was made Monday by Silverstein to an attendant at the hospital, where the bomb thrower lies hovering between life and death from the effects of the missile's premature explosion.

"I made the bomb from the top of a bedstead," Silverstein is reported to have said. "It was a round brass ball and hollow. I bought a quarter of a pound of nails, broke them in half and put them in the ball. I put nitro-glycerin on top of them and on top of the nitro-glycerin I put some gunpowder. When I got to the park I saw a policeman who had beaten me. I put a fuse in the bomb and walked over to the fountain. I had lighted a cigarette, which I had in my hand, and I tried to touch off the fuse, but in my excitement I put the

cigarette in the wrong hole, causing the explosion."

Silverstein said that he did not know the man near him who was killed, but declared that he knew Alexander Berkman and Emma Goldman. He also said the Union square bomb was the second he had made, but declined to tell when the first one was manufactured or the use to which it was put.

Silverstein, who has shown remarkable vitality, was said to be much worse Monday night, and he was suffering great pain.

CHANDLER AND RUSSELL FLY.

Army Balloon Experiments Begin at Washington.

Washington, D. C.—The signal corps of the army has begun its spring series of experiments in balloon work. An ascension was made by Major Edgar Russell and Capt. Charles de F. Chandler, the army's aeronautic expert. The flight was made in a twelve-hour northwest wind, which carried the balloon across the Potomac to Alexandria.

Capt. Chandler piloted the craft and Major Russell, who was making his first flight, accompanied Capt. Chandler to experiment with the army's new telephoto camera. A third man was taken along to operate the camera. The balloon used was one of the old type of the signal corps.

Duke Abruzzi Has Rival.

Washington, D. C.—The duke of the Abruzzi will soon have a new enemy in his fight for the hand of Miss Katherine Elkins, according to the report now afloat among rival officers, Lieut. Adolphus Andrews of the United States navy, an old admirer of Miss Elkins, having heard of the Duke's suit, is hurrying here from China, and if the royal Italian is to be on the ground, he will have to settle affairs with his king and take a fast steamer back to America.

Mormons Gain in Members.

Kansas City, Mo.—The annual report of the condition of the reorganized church of Latter Day Saints was read at the world's conference, which is now in session at Independence, Mo., Monday. The church has 57,665 members, a net gain since last year's conference of 2,320. The largest gains have been made in Canada and the next largest in Missouri. Iowa has the largest number of members.

WETS LOSE IN 828 TOWNS

LIQUOR INTERESTS ESCAPE UTTER ROUT BY CARRYING THE LARGER ILLINOIS CITIES.

1,500 DRAMSHOPS TO CLOSE

Eighteen Counties Go Wholly "Dry," Only Two Entirely "Wet"—Surprises in "Egypt."

St. Louis—Nearly one-half of the 3,000 saloons which fought for existence at the polls in 84 counties in Illinois Tuesday lost the battle. Additional returns Wednesday show that although the Anti-Saloon League failed to drive what they call "Demon Rum" entirely out of the state, they gave him an awful drubbing.

The latest figures show that between 1,200 and 1,500 saloons will be closed for two years. The local option forces made gains in all of the rural districts throughout the state, with two or three exceptions. Madison, St. Clair and Kankakee counties were not affected by the crusade.

The returns by townships form an impressive exhibit from the temperance point of view. In 828 of the 1,150 townships in which the liquor issue was drawn the saloons were voted out of existence. Thus the Anti-Saloon League wrested practically three-fourths of the contested territory away from the saloon interests.

Prohibitionists Jubilant.

The prohibition leaders are jubilant. They claim a sweeping victory, because wherever they won it was clear gain. The saloon interests, on the other hand, won nothing excepting what they had before the election, and wherever they were defeated it was clear loss.

James K. Shields of the Anti-Saloon League said: "The anti-saloon forces won a notable victory in Illinois Tuesday, a victory that puts them in splendid fighting trim for the battles still to be fought—for we are only in the beginning of this great conflict."

"It would have been a modern miracle if we had carried Joliet, Aurora, Elgin, Springfield, Moline and Rock Island, where the power of the saloon had been entrenched so long that nothing short of a moral earthquake could have destroyed it at this time."

The liquor interests saved themselves from complete rout only by carrying the larger cities. With practically no exceptions they lost the rural districts. In many of the cities where they won, the victory had been conceded to them before the election by the Anti-Saloon League, which realized that wherever the saloon is an economic asset in municipal government liquor is hard to dislodge. It was at these points that the saloon interests took the offensive in the battle and made their stand to keep the state from being swept into the prohibition column.

Some Dry Cities.

Among the cities and towns which voted saloons out are Anna, Assumption, Altoona, Ashton, Arcola, Antioch, Bradley, Batavia, Belvidere, Bradford, Carbondale, Colona, Carmi, Carthage, Clay City, Champaign, Charleston, Cornell, Clinton, Decatur, DeKalb, Delavan, Des Plaines, Dixon, Edinburg, El Paso, Equality, Eureka, Fairbury, Farmer City, Fulton, Griggsville, Geneva, Galena, Galesburg, Grady, Greenville, Hammond, Harlem, Harmon, Harrisburg, Harvard, Harvey, Hinesdale, Hillsboro, Hoopston, Knoxville, Lyons, Lewington, Lockport, Louisville, Macomb, Mason City, Marshall, Mattoon, Mascoutah, Melrose Park, Mendota, Momence, Monticello, Moweaqua, Mount Carroll, Mount Auburn, Mount Vernon, Mount Sterling, Muncie, Mineral, Moreland, McLean, Morrison, Marissa, Naperville, Newport, Nauvoo, North Litchfield, Newton, New Haven, Oregon, Oakland, Orlin, Oneda, Olney, Odell, Paris, Pittsfield, Plainfield, Pawpaw, Plano, Plymouth, Pontiac, Princeton, Quincy, River Forest, Riverside, Rochelle, Roodhouse, Rockford, Rochester, Rome, Rushville, Salem, St. Charles, Shawneetown, Sand Ridge, Shelbyville, Spring Valley, Stonington, Stockton, Sterator, St. Elmo, Sycamore, Tampico, Toledo, Toluca, Taylorville, Tuscola, Urbana, Versailles, Vandalia, Vermilion, Warren, Watseka, Walnut, Waukegan, Wheaton, Wilmington, Warren, Woodstock, Winona, Yorkville, Yates City.

Increases Port Au Prince Garrison.

Port Au Prince—The Haytian gunboat Vertieres arrived here Tuesday from St. Marc with 25 political prisoners aboard and many army conscripts. President Nord Alexis is increasing the garrison in Port Au Prince, detachments of troops daily arriving from the interior.

Opposing Aldrich Bill.

New York—A circular letter to all the members of the clearing house section of the American Bankers' association was sent out from here Tuesday by August Blum of Chicago, president of the clearing house section of the association, urging opposition to the Aldrich bill.

George F. Pollock Resigns.

Washington—George F. Pollock, chief of lands in the forest service, has resigned to enter private business.

JAIL NIGHT RIDERS

SEVEN ALLEGED OUTLAWS UNDER ARREST AT MURRAY, KY.

LEADERS HURRIEDLY LEAVE STATE

Troops Are Called Out and an Editor is Threatened With Death.

Paducah, Ky.—Lieut. N. J. Wilburn, with eight soldiers and Sheriff J. A. Edwards arrived at Murray at noon Thursday with seven alleged night riders. They are Bob Duncan, Jake Ellis, Darius Miller, Martin Lovett, Ed Thompson, Jack Elkins and Carlos Elkins.

They were all placed in jail. The arrests are the result of the vigilance of County Judge J. G. Wells, who called for the troops.

A mass meeting was held Thursday in the Methodist Church at Murray and resolutions were passed indorsing the action of Judge Wells. O. J. Jennings of the Murray Ledger has taken a strong stand against calling the troops and refused to print the resolutions. He has been threatened with assassination, it is said.

Have Them on the Run.

Louisville, Ky.—"We've got them on the run," said Governor Willson Thursday about the nightriders. Willson says they are sure to be brought to justice and that some of the leaders have already left the state.

BIG FIRE IN INDIANAPOLIS.

Damage to Colonial Building is Placed at \$100,000.

Indianapolis, Ind.—Fire in the business section of the city Thursday did \$100,000 damage to the Colonial building. The losers are:

W. G. Cunningham, paint and oil company; Model Department store; Sharkey millinery store; Knox's 5 and 10 cent store, and the Elks' club rooms. Cunningham but recently came here from Charleston, W. Va.

Assistance from Dayton and Cambridge City helped to keep the flames from spreading. Fire Chief Miller and six of his men were overcome by smoke, but all will recover.

Three Postoffices Robbed.

Austin, Tex.—The postoffice inspector's office of the department of Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma has a report that the safe in the postoffice at Sansaba, Tex., was blown open Wednesday morning and something less than \$1,000 in currency taken, together with stamps, money orders, registered letters, etc. No trace of the burglars have been found. Postoffice Inspector Munroe is also in receipt of information of the blowing of two postoffice safes in Louisiana, one at Howellton and the other at Plaquemine.

Court's Error Makes Bigamist.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Calvin S. Wright, a banker of Jeannette, Pa., near here, believing that the courts of South Dakota had given the right to do so, about a year ago married Miss Anna C. O'Donnell of this city, a sweetheart of his younger days, but it develops that an error was made by the western court, which divorced him from the wrong woman, and now he must stand trial in criminal court on charges of bigamy and perjury. His first wife, Sophia Wright, better known as Mrs. Ida Wright, is back of the prosecution.

Refused Bandit's Proposal.

Marion, Kas.—At the preliminary hearing here Wednesday of William T. Carr, charged with the robbery of an express car on a Santa Fe train near here on Sunday, March 29, and the murder of Oscar A. Bailey, the express messenger, J. G. Nehomey of Newton testified that in February last Carr proposed to him that they rob some express train on the Santa Fe. Nehomey said that he refused to give Carr's proposition any consideration.

Sing Sing Convict Captured.

New York—Having enjoyed a taste of liberty, Joseph Lasau, a convict, is on his way back to Sing Sing. Heavily manacled and in the custody of two keepers, Lasau accepted the situation philosophically, declaring that he went back to prison with better grace now that the purpose of his escape, to visit his wife and infant son, had been accomplished.

True Peonage Bills Returned.

Greensboro, N. C.—The grand jury of the federal court, now in session here, returned true bills charging peonage against J. W. Prim of Mecklenburg county, a cotton mill man, and against the following persons in McDowell and Mitchell counties: D. S. Madden, M. P. Powers, J. H. Harris, Joseph Tally and W. B. Radcliffe; James Finley and John P. Elmore.

Never Regained Consciousness.

Santa Barbara, Cal.—Edward R. Spalding, the Buffalo banker, who was thrown from his buggy near this city on Saturday, died at 6 o'clock Wednesday night, without having regained consciousness.

Admiral Passes Bad Night.

Paso Robles, Cal.—Physicians attending Admiral Evans stated Thursday morning that he was very ill. He passed the worst night since his arrival Wednesday night and suffered a great deal of pain.